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Agent's Docket N. 32461-rf

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: )  
Applicant: GHISOLFI, G )  
Ser. No.: 09/334,891 ) Group Art Unit: 1772  
Filed: June 17, 1999 ) Examiner: PATTERSON, M  
For: RECYCLABLE MULTI-LAYER... )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231 USA

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Sir,

In response to the Office action dated February 12, 2001, for which a petition is being concurrently submitted requesting an extension of the time for response for one month from May 12, 2001 to June 12, 2001, applicant submits the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Martin, Jr. in view of Joosten, Ochi et al and The Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Engineering.

As a preliminary matter Applicant outlines the following:

**The claimed material:**

- comprises as essential components a polyester foamed sheet having a density lower than 700 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and adhered thereto a heat-sealable polyester film (preferably a copolyethyleneterephthalate having a melting point from 50°C to 200°C);
- is recyclable, being formed of layers of the same chemical nature;